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PUBLIC NOTICE

Opportunities for Public Comment on California's Two-Year Strategic State Plan for the Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act

Background

The California Workforce Investment Board welcomes public input into the next Two Years of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner Peyser Act (State Plan). The Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Pub.L. 105-220 (August 7, 1998) provides the framework for a reformed public workforce investment system designed to meet the needs of the nation's employers, job seekers and those who want to further their careers. More Information may be found at the federal website –

www.doleta.gov/usworkforce.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration published the Planning Guidance and Instructions for Submission of Two Years of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner Peyser Act (ICR for the "State Unified Plan Planning Guidance").

The California Workforce Investment Board (State Board) designed a process for developing the new State Plan that includes a number of opportunities for public participation prior to completion and submission to the U.S. Department of Labor by May 31, 2005. This process reflects the State Board's commitment to public involvement in the drafting as well as the final review of the draft plan, prior to its completion.

Input received through this process will be reviewed and considered by the State Board 1) for inclusion in the two-year plan, and 2) in the State Board's ongoing work. Copies of all documents will be made available pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

The public is encouraged to participate in the development of the new State Plan through the following activities:

- I. **Comments to the State Board's three Special Committees;**
- II. **Comments on the Draft Plan at the April 12 and May 12, 2005 State Board Meetings;**
- III. **Comments submitted to State Board's website at any time prior to the completion of the State Plan (Friday, April 29, 2005).**

http://www.calwia.org/contact/frm_contact.cfm

I. Comments to the State Board's three Special Committees

At the February 17, 2005 meeting, the State Board assigned development of key strategic elements of the plan that correspond with the Governor's three priorities for workforce development to the following three Special Committees:

- 1) **High-Wage High Growth Jobs;**
- 2) **Statewide Shortages;** and
- 3) **Advancing Workers** (through addressing barriers to employment and career development)

The Special Committees will hold public meetings to draft these key strategic plan elements on March 10th and March 14th, 2005. The dates, locations, schedule and agendas for these meetings are posted separately on this website www.calwia.org. The public also can provide comments for these three Special Committees and the key strategic plan elements at the State Board website or in writing addressed to the State Board at the address listed below.

California Workforce Investment Board
777 – 12th Street, # 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

II. Comments on the Draft Plan at the April 12th and May 12th, 2005 State Board Meetings:

The State Board will post the draft State Plan on this website by April 1, 2005. The State Board will host a **Public Meeting on April 12, 2005 at the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA.)** At this meeting the public will have an opportunity to comment on the strategic elements and the new proposed State Plan. Details of this meeting will be posted on this website http://www.calwia.org/contact/frm_contact.cfm. **The State Board also will meet on May 12, 2005 to take final action on the State Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Labor.** Comments on the draft State Plan will also be accepted at the State Board website http://www.calwia.org/contact/frm_contact.cfm and in writing to the State Board at the address listed above.

III. Comments on the State Board Website:

The State Board will post the draft State Plan on its website by April 1, 2005. The State Board urges interested members of the public to submit their comments on the draft State Plan via the website throughout the thirty days following April 1, 2005. Please submit all comments and questions regarding the process for the State Plan development and public participation, or about the draft plan, to the State Board Website at http://www.calwia.org/contact/frm_contact.cfm.